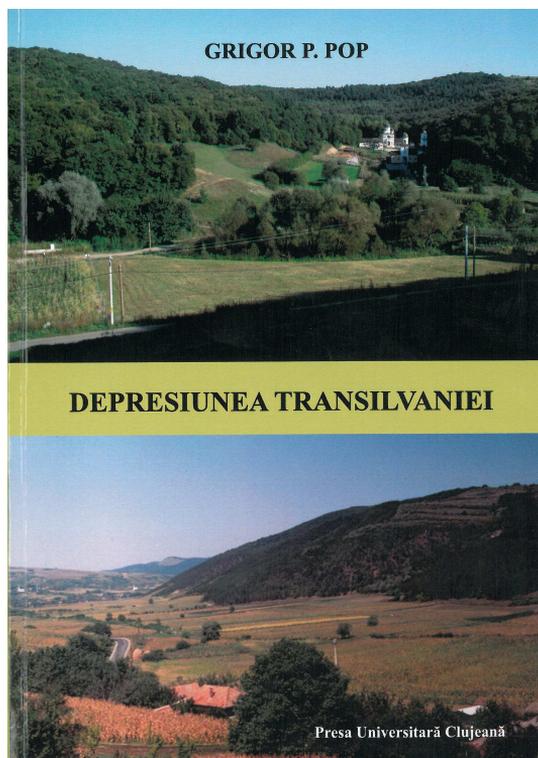


**GRIGOR P. POP (2012),
DEPRESIUNEA TRANSILVANIEI**

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When someone wants to find an iconic figure for Romanian human and regional geography, without any doubt, the name of Ph.D. Professor Grigor P. Pop, is one of the leading figure of this domain. With an outstanding tenacity the author of the book follows his lifetime goal, to search, how few know how to do, the beautiful field of regional geography.

The present volume, published by “Presa Universitara Clujeana” Publishing House, is a continuation of several regional geography books of the author and a continuation of the ideas of regional geography school from Babes Bolyai University. The experience of the author is proved by the way in which he arranged his ideas, materialized as books, during the years. As it is logic, he started with a general analysis materialized in the book “*Carpatii si Subcarpatii Romaniei*” (Editura Presa Universitara Clujeană, Cluj Napoca, 2000), followed by “*Dealurile si Campiile Romaniei*” and finally, the recent book, “*Depresiunea Transilvaniei*”. It is a logic

approach which lead the reader, from the general approach, to a more and more detailed analysis of the field area, proving the intimate knowledge between the author and the study area. The fact that two of his fundamental books (*Carpatii si Subcarpatii Romaniei* and *Depresiunea Transilvaniei*) were republisher, the first in 2006 and the second in 2012, prove the intimate link between the author and the two geographic areas. The author is one of the rare autor who remains attached to his study areas, despite the fact that he published a book dealing with it, this relation being a rare attribute of a real and genuine dedicated geographer.

The book is structured in two main chapters (chapter A. *General Characteristics* and chapter B. *The Regionalization of the Transylvanian Depression*) each chapter having several sub-chapters. The first chapter, is dedicated to the general features of the Transylvanian Depression in terms of geological, structural, physical characteristics as well as human-geographical features. As the author himself admits, “...*I tried not to intervene within the physical geography component, which were kept, with few exceptions as in the previous form*” (p. 289). The main difference,

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compared to the first edition, is related to the human components, the author tried to update the main human geography components (population, settlements, agriculture, industry, means of communication), to the data of 2010.

The bulk of the book is dedicated to the *Regionalization of Transylvanian Depression*, (p. 33 - 262) each main sub-division of the study area being separately analyzed both from physical and human aspects. One of the most important features of this chapter is related to the fact that the author successfully manages to link the analyzed *Peripheral Units* (p. 37 - 126) to the Carpathian, creating thus a logical causal explanation of a much larger geographical space.

Probably the most important feature of the book, viewed as a whole, is given by the fact that it is *perfectly balanced* in terms of different geographic components. The analysis of physical components are perfectly linked to the human components, among them being a fluent penetration, the reader having the impression of *fluency*, the detail elements being perfectly integrated within different components. The analysis manner filtered by these scientific approaches reflects both originality and realism and also a very deep knowledge of geographical scientific literature. But the essence of this book is given by the experience of the author, the way in which he was able to filter, to integrate and to synthesize the data, the result being a scientific book with a unique individuality.

The graphic of the book is simple but very clear, easy to read and to interpret, the reader having the opportunity to "*anchor*" different units, with the help of the maps, into a coherent visual matrix.

The very comprehensive English language summary (p. 264 - 277) turn the book into a very usefull instrument for all those interested to find geographic information about this part of Romania and also integrate the book into international scientific circuit.

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